

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) Salts of asiatic and madecassic acids with pharmaceutically acceptable organic bases, characterized in that said bases are selected from the group consisting of ethylenediamine, ethanolamine, diethanolamine, lysine, benzyltrimethylammonium hydroxide and tetramethylammonium hydroxide.
2. (Previously Presented) Salts of the asiatic and madecassic acids as claimed in claim 1 characterized in that they are in gel form consisting of said salts and water with a ratio between salt and water ranging from 1:12 to 1:20.
3. (Previously Presented) Pharmaceutical and cosmetic compositions suitable for topical and systemic treatment of erythema, varicose ulcers, venous insufficiency, bedsores, delayed cicatrization, ambusions, traumatic and surgery wounds, ophthalmic alloesoses, alloesoses of the cutaneous trophism and inflammatory diseases, comprising a pharmaceutically effective or cosmetically idoneous amount of a salt as claimed in claim 1 in mixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable or cosmetically idoneous excipient and/or diluent substances.
4. (Original) Process for the preparation of salts of asiatic or madecassic acid with pharmaceutically acceptable organic bases as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
 - a) a solution of said organic base in an organic solvent is prepared;
 - b) a solution of asiatic or madecassic acid in an organic solvent is prepared;
 - c) the solution of asiatic or madecassic acid is added to the solution of the organic base;

d) the mixture obtained in the step c) is heated at a temperature ranging from 40 to 70°C;

e) the solvent is removed and the residue is washed with an organic solvent and crystallized from organic solvent.

5. (Original) Process as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the molar ratio between organic base and asiatic or madecassic acid ranges from 3:1 to 1:1.

6. (Previously Presented) A method of treating an inflammatory or wound-related disease, disorder or condition comprising: administering to an individual in need thereof an effective amount of salts of asiatic and madecassic acids with pharmaceutically acceptable organic bases, wherein the bases are selected from the group consisting of ethylenediamine, ethanolamine, diethanolamine, lysine, benzyltrimethylammonium hydroxide and tetramethylammonium hydroxide, thereby treating the inflammatory or wound-related disease, disorder or condition.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the inflammatory or wound-related disease, disorder or condition is selected from the group consisting of erythema, varicose ulcers, venous insufficiency, bedsores, delayed cicatrization, ambustions, traumatic and surgery wounds, ophthalmic alloeosises, and alloeosises of the cutaneous trophism.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the salts of asiatic and madecassic acids are in gel form consisting of said salts and water with a ratio between salt and water ranging from 1:12 to 1:20.